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Thanks to Carolyn, we understand that Senators Blunt and McCaskill are working to fast track the subject senate bill that would move West Lake Landfill from EPA CERCLA authority to USACE FUSRAP authority. We have two desk statements if it is or is not passed in the Senate.

R7 is prepared to manage the media inquiries with these desk statements. They do not contain any Administration policy statements on whether it is advisable to move the landfill from EPA to USACE. The Administration has not defined position has been defined at this point.

**Desk Statement Regarding [Passage](#) of Bill Authorizing Transfer of West Lake Site to USACE**

EPA Region 7 is aware the Senate recently took the first step in a lengthy process to authorize the transfer of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site from EPA jurisdiction to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Until the bill passes the House and is signed into law by the President, EPA retains its responsibility as the lead federal agency at the site and will work diligently to protect the public from the wastes contained at the West Lake Landfill. EPA remains focused on overseeing work related to the proposed isolation barrier and continues to work toward a final remedy proposal by the end of 2016.

**Desk Statement Regarding [Non-Passage](#) of Bill Authorizing Transfer of West Lake Site to USACE**

EPA Region 7 is aware the Senate voted on, but did not pass, a bill authorizing the transfer of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site from EPA to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As the lead federal agency at the site, EPA will continue to work with its partners to protect the public from the wastes contained at the West Lake Landfill. EPA remains focused on overseeing work related to the proposed isolation barrier and continues to work toward a final remedy proposal by the end of 2016.

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